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Once More to Morehead City



Plans for the winter CBC meeting in Morehead City/Atlantic Beach areas are coming together. It should be an outstanding one. The dates are January 26-28, 2001. Headquarters will be at the Sheraton Atlantic Beach Hotel.

A varied schedule of field trips will be offered. There will be a visit to the only remaining extension of maritime forest on the Bogue banks. Inland trips will go into the Croatan Forest. Others will focus on shorebirds and still others will be in quest of rare gulls. An all day sojourn by boat and then on foot to Cape Lookout and the east end of Shackleford Banks should be a rewarding experience, justifying the effort for some of our more hardy members.

FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

TRIPS 1, 5, 11, 16. BIRD SHOAL.

There should be a very good variety of shorebirds will probably see Peregrine Falcon, Marbled Godwits, Piping Plovers. Wilson's Plovers and Snow Buntings are also possible. "Ipswich Sparrows" should also be seen. Two-mile walk, but don't have to walk entire distance. Be prepared for wading through ankle deep water. Morning trips ends at Noon; afternoon trips end at 5:30 PM. **Cost of trip is \$10, payable at ferry.** *All trips meet at Outer Banks Ferry on Front Street in Beaufort, directly across from the N.C. Maritime Museum. Morning trips meet at 8 AM; afternoon trips at 1:30 PM.*

TRIPS 2, 12. MILLIS ROAD SAVANNA.

Savanna is a good site for Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and we will hope for a Henslow's Sparrow. Walking distance is about 1 mile. There may have spots with 1-2" of water so wear appropriate shoes. Trips end about 11:30 AM. *Be ready to leave motel parking lot at 7:15 AM to caravan to site.*

TRIPS 3, 6, 13. ROOSEVELT NATURAL AREA TO BOGUE INLET.

We will bird along roadsides of Roosevelt Natural Area and nearby nature trail for a good variety of landbirds, including Blue-headed Vireo and Orange-crowned Warbler. You will see how recent hurricanes have helped to "restore" the maritime forest. We will then proceed to Bogue Inlet where a good variety of shorebirds can be found. We will walk a mile or more. Be prepared for ankle deep water. Morning trips over at Noon, afternoon trips over by 5:30 PM. *Be ready to leave motel parking lot at 7:45 AM for morning trips, 1:30 PM for afternoon trips.*

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Friday and Saturday night programs will be memorable with two outstanding speakers. Our own Dr. Wayne Irvin will tell us about his recent trip to Midway Atoll, with emphasis on the albatrosses that breed there. He will share the remarkable photographs he took while staying on the island. The other speaker will be Rick Dove, North Carolina's first 'River Keeper' and a true pioneer who is a hero among conservationists. Rick will give a beautifully illustrated talk on his experience with the problems of the Neuse River and the efforts being made to save the river. The threats to the health of the Neuse River are similar to those being experienced by all of our rivers so everyone should be able to carry home something from this talk.

The Details:

Oceanview rooms are \$59.00 per night (single or double) and oceanfront rooms are \$65.00 (single or double) plus tax. **There is a 72-hour cancellation policy.** All reservation must be guaranteed by credit card or advanced payment of the first night's room and tax. The hotel's phone number is 252-240-1155. Toll-free reservation number (Mon-Fri, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM only) is 1-800-214-0258. The hotel's address is P.O. Box 3040, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512.

The Sheraton Atlantic Beach Hotel can be reached by taking either US 70 or NC 24 into Morehead City. Once well into Morehead get into the right lane designated for beach traffic and turn right (or south) to cross the Bogue Sound Bridge to Atlantic Beach. At the first beach stop light turn right and proceed for about 2 miles to the hotel, which will be on the oceanside (your left). A map is available at <http://www.sheratonatlanticbeach.com> You can also make reservations through the website.

FIELD TRIPS [Continued]

TRIPS 4, 14. OCEAN PIERS TO MOREHEAD-BEAUFORT CAUSEWAY. First we will check the ocean for gannets and loons, and possibly northbound scoters. Then we may check Fort Macon for Purple Sandpipers, if any present. Then we will head for the Morehead/Beaufort causeway for marsh sparrows, including both Sharp-tailed Sparrows. Walking will be minimal. Be prepared for ankle deep water. *Trips begin on Sheraton fishing pier at 7:00 - 7:30 AM. Trips will end about 11:30 AM.*

TRIPS 7, 17. MOREHEAD CITY AREA. First we will check Morehead waterfront for gulls, Calico Creek for Green-winged Teal and other ducks especially for any "Eurasian Teal". Then we will be off to check the sewage treatment plant area, hoping for Black-headed Gull. There will be minimal walking. *Meet at motel parking lot at 1:15 AM. Trips will end around 5 PM.*

TRIPS 8, 18. BEAUFORT AREA.

First we will check Beaufort waterfront for gulls, and nearby residential area for Eurasian Collared-Doves. Then on to Howland Rock for shorebirds, including Marbled Godwits. We will end up at Carteret Wildlife Club's observation deck at North River Marsh. If there is enough interest, we may try to flush a Yellow Rail. At last site, be prepared for ankle deep water. *Meet at motel parking lot at 1:45pm. Trips will end around 5:30 PM.*

TRIPS 9, 15, 19. LAKE ELLIS SIMON. [15 person limit.] Participants will meet in Havelock on US 70 in the parking lot of Smithfield Barbecue. This is the first business on the right after you enter Havelock from the southeast (direction of Morehead City). Allow 45 minutes from the Sheraton. This is an opportunity to visit a private hunting club at a site (Lake Ellis Simon-Great Lake area) that has contributed much to the ornithological history of the state. We should see more puddle ducks than on other trips and Bald Eagle are possible. Trip may end up on Neuse River shore, where we will look for diving ducks. *Morning participants meet by 7:45 AM, afternoon by 1:30 PM.*

TRIP 10. CAPE LOOKOUT/EAST SHACKLEFORD BANKS.

One-half day will be spent at Cape Lookout, including the point, where we will look for northbound gannets and other species. In the afternoon, we will boat over to Shackleford Banks, where we should see several shorebirds, including Piping Plovers. There is a chance of finding one or more Long-billed Curlews. Shackleford can produce excellent shelling. This will be a somewhat rigorous trip with 20-minute rides in small open boats and a lot walking. Be prepared for spray on boat rides. We will walk 2 miles or so. At Shackleford we may have to wade through calf-deep water. **Cost of the trip is \$30, payable at the ferry. Will leave from the motel parking lot at 7 AM (please, be on time!). Trip ends about 5 PM.** [Some may wish to go only in the morning (Cape Lookout, \$15) or afternoon (Shackleford, \$15). This can be arranged, but it would be best if everyone signs up for the all-day trip.]

TRIP 20. DOWN EAST CARTERET COUNTY.

We will make several stops along NC 70/NC 12 in eastern Carteret County, including Davis Impoundment (where

Eurasian Wigeon have been seen in past winters) and at the Cedar Island Ferry Terminal, where we will check the horse stables for a rare blackbird or cowbird. Trip ends at the Cedar Island Marshes, where we will hear rails and watch for Short-eared Owls. *Meet at motel parking lot at 1:15 PM. Trip ends about 6 PM.*

We are dedicated to keeping each trip to a manageable number of participants and will add similar trips, if possible. Note that participants are responsible for meals. Weather in midwinter is of course something less than dependable. Be aware that bad weather may lead to some changes in the field trip schedule. For Friday trips, any changes will be posted in the Sheraton lobby Friday morning. For Saturday trips, be on time at the meeting Friday night and pay close attention to the discussion about the trips.



FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

HALF-DAY TRIPS-MORNING

- TRIP 1. Bird Shoal. [8 AM]
- TRIP 2. Millis Road Savanna. [7:15 AM]
- TRIP 3. Roosevelt Natural Area to Bogue Inlet. [7:45 AM]
- TRIP 4. Ocean Piers to Morehead-Beaufort Causeway. [7 AM]

HALF-DAY TRIPS-AFTERNOON

- TRIP 5. Bird Shoal. [8 AM]
- TRIP 6. Roosevelt Natural Area to Bogue Inlet. [1:30 PM]
- TRIP 7. Morehead City Area. [1:15 PM]
- TRIP 8. Beaufort Area. [1:45 PM]
- TRIP 9. Lake Ellis Simon. [1:30 PM]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

ALL-DAY TRIP

- TRIP 10. Cape Lookout/East Shackleford Banks. [7 AM]

HALF-DAY TRIPS - MORNING

- TRIP 11. Bird Shoal. [8 AM]
- TRIP 12. Millis Road Savanna. [7:15 AM]
- TRIP 13. Roosevelt Natural Area to Bogue Inlet. [7:45 AM]
- TRIP 14. Ocean Piers to Morehead-Beaufort Causeway. [7 AM]
- TRIP 15. Lake Ellis Simon. [7:45 AM]

HALF-DAY TRIPS - AFTERNOON

- TRIP 16. Bird Shoal. [1:30 PM]
- TRIP 17. Morehead City Area. [1:15 PM]
- TRIP 18. Beaufort Area. [1:45 PM]
- TRIP 19. Lake Ellis Simon. [1:30 PM]
- TRIP 20. Down East Carteret County. [1:15 PM]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Plans for Sunday birding trips will be made Saturday night, based on the birds seen on Friday and Saturday.

CBC WINTER MEETING, JANUARY 26-28, 2001
MEETING REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ (DAY)(____) _____ (EVENING) EMAIL: _____

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for _____ member (\$10) registrations and/or _____ non-member (\$20) registrations. Please include any additional names not listed above: _____

FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION

Indicate which field trip(s) you wish to participate in by writing the number & names of those participating next the day and time.

	Trip #	Names of Participants
Friday, Morning	_____	_____
Friday, Afternoon	_____	_____
Saturday, All Day	_____	_____
Saturday, Morning	_____	_____
Saturday, Afternoon	_____	_____

Send this form by **January 10** to: **Carolina Bird Club**, 11 West John St., Raleigh, NC 27601-1029

CAROLINA BIRD CLUB WINTER MEETING, JANUARY 26-28, 2001
HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ (DAY)(____) _____ (EVENING) EMAIL: _____

Enclosed you will find \$_____ as advanced payment (first night's room rate plus tax) for a room reservation. We(I) will be arriving _____ date _____ time _____ and will be leaving _____ date _____ time _____

Send this form with a check to Sheraton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront Hotel, P. O. Box 3040, Atlantic Beach, 28512. Attn: Reservations.

ADDITIONAL WINTER FIELD TRIPS

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ (DAY)(____) _____ (EVENING) EMAIL: _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ persons to participate in the **Butner Gamelands** trip. I have called the appropriate trip leader to ensure that space is available. Make checks payable to **Carolina Bird Club, Inc** and mail to 11 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-1029.

Sibley? Kaufman? or Both?

Book reviews by Harry LeGrand

Do we need TWO more bird field guides to North American birds? (Kaufman & Sibley). Well, not really. What we need, perhaps, are more specialty guides like Harrison's two seabird guides, the several shorebird guides, Grant's gull book, etc.

The Kaufman guide is very similar to the Robbins' et al. 'Golden Guide' and the National Geographic (hereafter referred to as 'Geo.') guides in that there are postage stamp range maps on the left, along with text, facing the color illustrations on the right. Kaufman's guide is 384 pages, whereas Geo. is 480. Most birders I know use Geo. almost exclusively, at least in the field. Peterson is used by beginners and mid-level birders. The photo guides — Master, Stokes, etc., are often useful as back-ups, but not taken into the field.

The Kaufman guide differs from Geo., Peterson, and Golden in using photographs on the pages facing the maps and text. The photos are arranged exactly like paintings — 6-12 per page, of 4 species on average. Each species averages 2 photos, with some having one and some having 4-5. I LIKE this. I LIKE seeing what a bird REALLY looks like, not what an artist portrays. If the artist is excellent, which I suspect the Sibley guide will be, then I have no problem. But some artists paint tails too long or short, bodies too fat, can't seem to get the right jizz, etc. Of course, with photos one runs the risk of birds at an angle, making the tail look short, birds in the shade making them appear too dark, etc.

Fortunately, Kaufman has gone through a very large array of photos, so it is hard to quibble with them. I really like the sparrows, especially the hard to paint Botteri's, Bachman, and Cassin's, as seen on page 340 (two photos of each), as well as Henslow's, Baird's, LeConte's, etc. Some artists have trouble painting sparrows properly.

My major complaint is lack of overall completeness. A few rarities are omitted, such as Black-tailed Godwit; Fea's, Bermuda, and Herald petrels, etc. Because it is not as thick a book as Geo, the text is somewhat shorter, but Kaufman knows his birds and field marks as well as anyone in N.A., so there is really nothing to quibble about here. The catch is that there is really little NEW information that we don't already have at our hands in Geo. Kaufman targets the book not at the experts but at the general birder, but certainly the book is very handy for the experts. Many folks will be bothered by the arrangement of the groups, with waterfowl first, then alcids, loons, etc.

What is the bottom line? I would rank it below Geo in terms of completeness and amount of text (all storm-petrels on one page! Yuck!). It is CLEARLY better than all other guides out there. But... I think the photos are great, and the experts and beginners alike will want to get this book. Thus, it is the right-hand pages (photos) that will be of most interest (at least to me), as the range maps and text are basically what I already have in Geo., though Kaufman does have additional marks and pointers. (By the way, it DOES have photos and text on the new splits — such as Gunnison Sage-Grouse!).

At a price of \$20 for the paperback, I think it is a good price for such an array of photos (more than 2000 according to the book cover), along with text (and range maps) that approach the quality, though not quite quantity, of the Geo guide.

The new Sibley Guide to Birds is arguably the best single field guide now available on birds of North America. The Geo. is generally the guide most in use, and Sibley tops Geo. in many or most ways.

Sibley's guide is a whopping 544 pages and is roughly 1.5 times the size of most field guides and thus will not fit in your pocket. Either leave it in the car, or take it in a backpack. But, with all the artwork & a \$35 price for the soft cover, you don't want to bend or damage it in backpacks, fanny packs, etc.!

There are MANY more paintings than found in other guides, and most species are shown in 5-10 illustrations. Interestingly, Sibley chooses to show flight shots of nearly all birds, even passerines! I'm not sure if we will benefit much from these flight shots, but we have them just in case. Also, Sibley gives us flight call notes for most birds, not that we will find them of much use either.

Sibley uses brief text items scattered among the illustrations, such as field marks next to lines pointing to the illustrations (a good idea). But, I miss the full paragraph of text giving habitat, abundance, behavior, similar species, etc., contained in other guides.

The range maps are large stamp size, slightly larger than most other guides. He uses green dots to show casual or accidental records. However, in some instances it is hard to distinguish green coastal dots from the blue shading of winter ranges, especially for coastal birds.

The real highlight of the book is the artwork. Sibley is simply among the best bird artists out there, hands down beating most of the artists that collaborated on the Geo. He does a good job getting the jizz correct on nearly all species. The major complaint folks have is the over-colorization of the plates, especially the too-orange-red color of the rufous. In life, the back color of Brown Thrasher and Long-billed Thrasher are rather similar, but in the book the back color of the Brown Thrasher is much too orange-red. This same problem occurs in the Eastern Towhee, Rufous Hummingbird, and a few others.

A second complaint is the lack of completeness of coverage. Though he included many vagrants, the Geo. book includes most accidentals, whereas Sibley leaves them out. There is no coverage of Bermuda Petrel, Bulwer's Petrel, etc., which are covered in the Geo. guide. In a book of nearly 550 pages, I would have expected more complete coverage of accidentals.

All in all, this is an outstanding book. I recommend it to all birders, beginners and experts alike. Only time will tell if Sibley supplants the Geo. as the guide of choice for most folks. I suspect it will, at least in the cars, motel rooms, etc. My copy is too precious to be getting it wet and frayed in the field!

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RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

The Executive Committee of the Carolina Bird Club has voted to award a total of \$1,229 to four college students for ornithological research under the Birds of the Carolinas scholarship program. The four were chosen from a group of outstanding applications. Recipients and summaries of their proposals follow:

Chris Cole, Senior, Catawba College, Salisbury, NC - *Aggression Between Two Different Species of Songbird: Comparative study of aggression between members of same species, using Carolina Chickadee and American Goldfinch*. Purpose is to test whether species with stable group composition (chickadee) exhibit less aggression than species with dynamic group composition (goldfinch). Amount of grant, \$296.

Hope Matthews, Senior, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC - *Hunting Success and Auditory Search Images in Owls*. Purpose of study is to test the hypothesis that the hunting success of owls is a result of being able to hear prey more easily on dry leaf litter than on wet leaf litter. Secondly, the possibility that owls develop an auditory search image will also be tested. Ms. Matthews will use facilities at the Carolina Raptor Center for this project. Amount of grant, \$173.

Sandra Papalia, Masters candidate, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC - *Agonistic Vocalizations in Ruby Throated Hummingbirds*. This research will test the hypothesis that complete syntax (acoustic complexity of notes and organization of note types within the call) exists in the Ruby-throated Hummingbird as it does in the Black-chinned Hummingbird. Analyzing vocal patterns in non-passerine birds may be important in determining if there are common underlying principles of organization of particular types of vocalizations and it may help us to understand how patterns and characterizations of vocalizations are shaped by other demands such as habitat type and use of communications. Amount of grant: \$350.

Jason Riddle, Masters candidate, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC - *Bird Diversity in the Southern Appalachians: the Importance of the Linville Gorge Wilderness*. The intent of this project is to determine the importance of the Linville Gorge Wilderness in maintaining neotropical migratory breeding diversity in the Southern Appalachians. Project will use statistical programs to compare bird species diversity from one vegetative class to another within the Gorge as well as bird diversity within the Gorge to surrounding areas. Amount of grant: \$410.

The Carolina Bird Club received three other applications, all of good quality. The committee reviewing the applications said the decisions on the awards were difficult. The scholarship committee chair consists of Andrea Ceselski, former CBC vice president for South Carolina; committee members are Jo Ann Martin, an executive committee member at large from Western North Carolina; and Eloise F. Potter, lead author of *Birds of the Carolinas* and editor emeritus of *The Chat*.

Research papers submitted by the grant recipients will be reviewed for publication in *The Chat*.

Funds for the awards come from an endowment established by Ms. Potter and the other two authors of *Birds of the Carolinas*, James F. Parnell and Robert P. Teulings. A portion of the royalties from the sale of the book goes to the endowment.

-Len Pardue, President

Welcome New Members

George W. Barlow III - Durham, NC

Molly Bonnell - Lexington, SC

Beth Brinson - Waynesville, NC

Dennis & Robin Chadwick,

Core Sound Dayaks & Touring - Beaufort, NC

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Additional Field Trips

OUTER BANKS WINTER BIRDS FIELD TRIP

JANUARY 12 - 14, 2001

We invite you to join us for a week-end full of birding at Pea Island NWR, Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Alligator River NWR. A visit to the Outer Banks at this time of year offers good opportunity to view birds of the ocean beaches and inlets, waterfowl at impoundments, and raptors. This popular trip has been jointly sponsored by the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and Carolina Bird Club since 1992.

The group will meet on Friday at 8:00 p.m. in the library of the First Colony Inn, a bed and breakfast offering special rates. The early morning ocean-watching and evening programs on Friday and Saturday will be held at the inn. The group will eat dinner together at a local restaurant on Saturday evening. Museum vans will be available for use during the field trip.

LEADERS: John and Paula Wright, Phillip Cox

LIMIT: 20 participants [minimum age 16, minors must be accompanied by registered adult]

COST: \$40 [\$35 for CBC members and Friends of the Museum] as part of a week-end package rate from First Colony Inn, Nags Head

REGISTRATION: To streamline the registration process, all participants on the birding trip must register by calling the First Colony Inn at 800-368-9390 or 252-441-2343. For more details call John or Paula Wright 252-756-5139.

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BUTNER GAMELANDS [A.K.A. THE SPARROW FIELDS] FIELD TRIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2001

The Butner Gamelands are great for birding because they are open and expansive. We'll be looking for sparrows in particular. The Gamelands are one of the most reliable sites in the Piedmont for White-crowned Sparrow. We may also see gulls and ducks since the Gamelands border Falls Lake. After lunch we will go to the Butterfly House at the Museum of Life and Science which should be a great antidote to a chilly winter day. This is a Sunday trip because these are gamelands and hunting is not allowed on Sunday.

LEADER: Rick Payne 919-220-7759; repayne@mindspring.com

LIMIT: 12 participants

COST: \$10.00

WHEN AND WHERE TO MEET: Rick will inform you when you call to sign-up.

EXPECTED BIRDS: My target sparrow species are Fox, Field, White-throated, White-crowned, Song, Swamp, Savannah and maybe Chipping. The Gamelands are also good for raptors so we may see Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, both vultures, American Kestrel, maybe Northern Harrier and possibly Bald Eagle.

WALKING/DRIVING: After we get to the Gamelands there will be no driving. We'll probably walk all morning and cover several miles at a leisurely pace. The terrain is gently rolling and is not difficult for walking.

MEALS: There are a lot of restaurants within 15 minutes of the grasslands.

ACCOMMODATIONS: There are many places to stay in the area. These are conveniently along I-85 in Durham: Carolina Duke Motor Inn, 919-286-0771; Hampton Inn, 919-471-6100; Courtyard, 919-309-1500; Fairfield Inn 919-382-3388.

Future Events

SPRING 2001 MEETING

The Carolina Bird Club will hold its Spring Meeting **May 4-6** in Southern Pines, North Carolina. Headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn [US 1 at Morganton Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28388 910-692-8585 or 800-465-4329]. The room rate is \$65 per night with a 9% room tax. Reservations must be made by April 3, 2001 to guarantee the special meeting rate.

The field trips are currently being planned and will be described in detail in the next Newsletter. We promise a diversity of trips and activities from which to choose. In addition to local birding forays, there will be programs to explore wildflowers, butterflies and moths as well as bird banding demonstrations during the weekend. We also hope to offer an opportunity to learn about prescribed fire as well as watch a small burn take place at Weymouth Woods State Nature Preserve (weather permitting).

Early May is the peak of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker breeding season; therefore we expect participants will have multiple opportunities to see this rare and fascinating species. Sandhills trips should turn up a good number of earlier breeding species as well as plenty of migrants. Folks will have the chance to visit a variety of longleaf pine habitats ranging from upland pine savanna to wet pocosins. There will also be nearby trips to Laurinburg, Raven Rock State Park, and Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge and vicinity. We have arranged a special trip to Ft. Bragg for those interested in seeing some of the installation and the unique grasslands where Lark Sparrows have been discovered breeding.

In addition to good birding, the weather is often beautiful in the Sandhills in May so plan to join us for the Spring Meeting in 2001. Mark your calendars now for May 4 - 6 and watch for more details in January and on the CBC web site.

— Susan Campbell



North And South Carolina Christmas Bird Counts

Christmas Bird Count	Date	Contact	Phone	Email
ACE Basin, SC	12/31/00	Pete Laurie		
Aiken, SC	12/23/00	Calvin Zippler	803-642-2264	
Augusta, GA	12/26/00	Anne Waters	706-793-2788	
Bodie-Pea Island, NC	12/28/00	Paul Sykes	706-769-9436/542-1237	paul_sykes@usgs.gov
Brevard, NC	12/15/00	Norma Siebenheller	828-884-5443	sieb@citcom.net or call
Buncombe County, NC	12/30/00	Marilyn Westphal	828-251-6823(w)/891-9896(h)	mjwestphal@unca.edu
Cape Hatteras, NC	12/27/00	Harry LeGrand	919-715-8687(w)	harry.legrand@ncmail.net
Central Beaufort, NC	12/17/00	Jim Albera	252-946-2192	
Chapel Hill, NC	12/24/00	Will Cook	919-967-5446	cwcook@duke.edu
Charleston, SC	12/24/00	Edwin Blitch III	843-556-2626	
Charlotte, NC	12/30/00	Wayne Covington	704-362-1774	jacoving@bellsouth.net
Cleveland County, NC	12/16/00	Dot McMurray		birdot@aol.com
		Pat Wilkison	828-482-2614	
Columbia, SC	12/17/00	Robin Carter/Caroline Eastman	803-782-8820	rcarter@sc.rr.com
Congaree Swamp N. M., SC	12/16/00	Robin Carter/Caroline Eastman	803-782-8820	rcarter@sc.rr.com
Cumberland County, NC	12/26/00	Hal Broadfoot		halwb@aol.com
Durham, NC	12/17/00	Mike Schultz	919-490-6761	mschultz@duke.edu
Falls Lake, NC	12/30/00	Brian Bockhahn	919-676-1027	birdranger@excite.com
Gaston County, NC	12/30/00	Duane Crane	704-866-7527/922-6338	Crane.Duane@gaston.cc.nc.us
Guilford County, NC	12/16/00	Elizabeth Link	336-273-4672	
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		Tonya Spires	843-397-0384	tonya2ztf@hotmail.com
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New Bern, NC	12/18/00	Bob Holmes	252-633-3003	
Ocracoke, NC	12/30/00	Peter Vankevich	202 547-4523	pvanke@cais.net
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Pee Dee NWR, NC	12/16/00	Laura Fogo	704-694-4424	Laura_Fogo@fws.gov
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Santee NWR, SC	12/30/00	Lex Glover	803-438-9855(h)/419-9645(w)	bglvr@clemson.edu
Savannah River NWR, SC	12/16/00	Steve Calver		
Southern Lake Norman, NC	12/17/00	Taylor Piephoff	704-532-6336	PiephoffT@aol.com
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December 15, 2000

Brevard, NC
Highlands Plateau, NC

December 16, 2000

Cleveland County, NC
Congaree Swamp N. M., SC
Guilford County, NC
McClellanville, SC
Kitty Hawk, NC
Pee Dee NWR, NC
Raleigh, NC
Raven Rock State Park, NC
Savannah River NWR, SC
Wayne Co., NC

December 17, 2000

Central Beaufort, NC
Columbia, SC
Durham, NC
Henderson County, NC
Morehead City, NC
Southern Lake Norman, NC
Southern Pines, NC

December 18, 2000

New Bern, NC

December 19, 2000

Pamlico County, NC

December 22, 2000

Rocky River, SC

December 23, 2000

Aiken, SC
Long Cane, SC
Tryon, NC

December 24, 2000

Chapel Hill, NC
Charleston, SC

December 26, 2000

Augusta, GA
Cumberland County, NC

December 27, 2000

Cape Hatteras, NC

December 28, 2000

Bodie-Pea Island, NC
Litchfield-Pawleys Island, SC

December 28, 2000 (con't.)

Spartanburg, SC

December 29, 2000

Mattamuskeet, NC
Portsmouth Island, NC

December 30, 2000

Buncombe County, NC
Charlotte, NC
Falls Lake, NC
Gaston County, NC
Ocracoke, NC
Santee NWR, SC
Winston-Salem, NC
Wilmington, NC

December 31, 2000

ACE Basin, SC
Jordan Lake, NC
Southport, NC

January 5, 2000

*Lake Wateree